

Supreme Court of Florida

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006

CASE NO.: SC03-1846

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, NO. 02-144
RE: JOHN RENKE, III

Based on the parties' Stipulation on April 29, 2004, the Court issued an order on May 5, 2004, dispensing with oral argument. Subsequently the Court rejected the stipulation and the matter went back for a hearing before the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC). After receipt of the report and recommendations of the JQC, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause on December 1, 2005. Having considered the report and the responses to the Show Cause Order, the Court has now determined that oral argument should be granted.

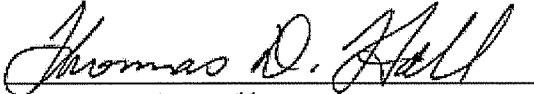
The above case is scheduled for argument Tuesday, April 4, 2006. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes to the side is allowed, but counsel is expected to use only so much of that time as is necessary.

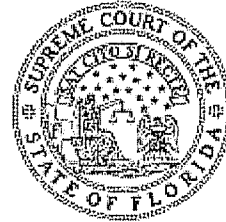
In direct response to the pleadings filed in response to the Order to Show Cause, the parties are advised that the Court has made no decision of whether to accept or reject the recommended discipline. Thus, the Court will provide the Honorable John Renke, III, the opportunity to contest the factual findings of the Hearing Panel. The parties may also address the issue of the appropriateness of the recommended discipline. The period for allowing briefing on this issue is shortened in light of the prior opportunities provided to respond to the report and recommendations of the JQC. The initial brief on the merits shall be filed by Judge John Renke on or before February 20, 2006; the answer brief on the merits shall be filed on or before March 2, 2006; and the reply brief on the merits shall be filed on or before March 7, 2006. Please file an original and seven (7) copies of all briefs.

Per this Court's Administrative Order In Re: Mandatory Submission of Electronic Copies of Documents AOSC04-84 dated September 13, 2004, counsel are directed to include a copy of all briefs in an electronic format as required by the provisions of that order.

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